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11. We received a condolence letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed to the Secretary regarding the death of former President Gerald Ford. Original will be sent by pouch to WHA/AND.

12. Begin informal Embassy translation of condolence letter:

To Her Excellency Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

Excellency: I have the honor of addressing your Excellency to express on behalf of the government of Colombia and myself a sincere message of condolence for the demise of Gerald Ford, former president of your great nation.

We sympathize with your great loss. Please extend our deepest sympathy to President Ford's family and to the government and people of the United States whom he served with great intelligence and spirit.

Reiterating my deep appreciation, I wish to offer my best wishes and highest consideration to your Excellency.

Signed, MARIA CONSUELO ARAUJO CASTRO, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia

Bogota, D.C., December 28, 2006

End informal Embassy translation of condolence letter.
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